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Davis elected Ranking Member of Govt. Reform Committee

Republican Conference acknowledges Virginian's record of accomplishment as chairman

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.) was elected ranking member of the House Committee on Government Reform on Thursday by his colleagues in the Republican Conference.

Davis served as chairman of the committee for the past four years. In a Congress often accused of punting its oversight responsibilities, his committee earned a reputation for fair, tough, relevant and revealing investigations. In the 109th Congress, the Government Reform Committee conducted 256 hearings and ordered Government Accountability Office studies that saved \$6.5 billion for American taxpayers.

“We have worked hard for the American people, and we have the results to show for it,” Davis said. “Even our political opponents acknowledge that we took our responsibilities seriously and produced valuable work. I thank my colleagues in the conference for acknowledging our efforts and keeping me in position to influence the committee’s work.”

Davis headed a select committee that issued a blistering report entitled “A Failure of Initiative,” detailing the problems with the federal government’s response to Hurricane Katrina. In addition, the Government Reform Committee investigated steroid use in sports, procurement in Iraq and a string of measures designed to make the government more efficient for taxpayers and responsive to its employees.

“I said when I became chairman that my agenda boiled down to national security and national competitiveness,” Davis said. “Even in the minority, I’m optimistic about building on our record of reform, serious oversight and good government. I will continue to work for a 21st-century government that can meet 21st-century challenges and fight 21st-century enemies.”

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